

REALLY, IT'S AN ODD COINCIDENCE.

French Ball and Quaker City Solons in Town the Same Night.

CAME TO INSPECT ASPHALT

In Order to Get an Early Start the Officials Arrived in the Evening.

WENT BACK ON THE NOON TRAIN.

Fifth Avenue Busses Caused Their Heads to Ache, and the Silence of Brooklyn Made Them Homesick.

An odd coincidence, so odd, in fact, as to excite unusual interest, occurred on Monday night. Simultaneously with the annual breaking out of the French ball a card of Philadelphia city fathers struck this city.

It is more than probable that the staid Solons of the staid old town never heard of the Bal Masque du Cercle Francaise de l'Harmonie. Such affairs are not included in the list of Philadelphia amusements. But the French ball is an annual feature of the gay Parisian life in Madison Square Garden, with now and then a coincidence incidental to the main event.

The twenty-five Philadelphia Aldermen came over to inspect some pavements in Brooklyn under the auspices of the Barber Asphalt Company. That was all, and after looking at the pavements and other interesting bits of Brooklyn scenery the party returned home on the noon train yesterday somewhat wearied with their labors, but well pleased with the result of the inspection.

Although the Philadelphians reached the city early Monday evening the pavement inspection did not begin until about 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and as the officials were pressed for time they hurried through with the performance of this official business and hastened away on the noon train.

They Could Have—But.

This incident has nothing to do with the coincidence except to add to the oddity. Had they, as desired, the Aldermen could have made the trip from home on the early morning train yesterday, but looking at tar pavements in Brooklyn is enervating work, and the officials very wisely decided on a good night's rest contiguous to the scene of their labors. The party registered at the Fifth Avenue Hotel and included these gentlemen: W. F. Dixon, F. A. Baillinger, H. Black, J. R. Buckley, J. W. Davidson, J. C. Keith, W. B. Kulger, Jr., Saul Landau, Jacob J. Seeds, P. A. McLean, W. F. Short, W. D. Uffelman, A. H. Woodworth, E. H. Hults, W. H. Garrett, T. L. Hicks, G. H. Welster, W. H. Sober, J. M. Mack, W. H. Felton, C. B. Hall, Fred Russell, Samuel Stinger, H. M. Quick and E. P. Hanson.

Events that made the coincidence possible are these: Some time ago the Vulcanite Asphalt Company, of Philadelphia, passed into the hands of the Barber Company, of this city. The pavement builders here wanted to purchase the streets of Philadelphia, so the head of the company invited the Aldermen to come on and inspect the style of work done. That the invitation happened to request the presence of the solons in town on the night of the French ball is only another of those remarkable coincidences.

An Exciting Experience.

Being accustomed to that pastoral existence which makes life worth living in the Quaker City, the visiting Aldermen were naturally somewhat nervous on starting out to inspect pavements yesterday morning. The dizzy velocity of the Fifth Avenue busses made their heads ache and the eyes of more than one gentleman grew sore and watery while watching the Broadway cable cars whizz madly around Dead Man's Curve.

Over in Brooklyn the contrary imparted another shock. The velvet silence of those polished pavements made the visitors tremble with the violence of their emotions. Half a dozen Solons burst into tears of remorse on beholding the placid features of Henry Ward Beecher, whose staid aspect the City Hall grounds, and the whole party begged the privilege of returning home immediately. Whether the asphalt company secured a contract for paving the politicians on the streets of Philadelphia was not stated.

On the way to the depot the delegation lined up in front of the profound salams, and also gave symptoms of deep reverence on passing the Wannamaker delivery wagons in the street.

TAYLOR AT A BANQUET.

American Minister Drinks to the Toast Universal Peace in Castelar's House.

Madrid, Jan. 19.—The American Minister, Hannis Taylor, attended a banquet to-night at the residence of Senor Castelar and drank to universal peace. Several other Americans were present.

NO DIVORCES ON CREDIT.

Oklahoma Decrees Discovered to Be Invalid Unless Costs Have Been Paid.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 19.—Hundreds of Eastern people who secured divorces in Oklahoma slipped out of the Territory without paying the costs. A section of the Oklahoma law which is but little known provides that no divorce granted in the Territory shall be valid unless the costs are all paid, and when a divorce is granted it becomes effective for either party only when the costs have been fully satisfied, no matter against whom assessed. Hundreds of such decrees on the court records will soon be cancelled, and as for the majority of the parties have since been married it will leave them guilty of bigamy and open to criminal prosecution.

HOBART'S WASHINGTON HOUSE

Vice-President-Elect Leases a Magnificent Residence for His Family.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Vice-President-elect Hobart has leased for four years the palatial residence of A. L. Barber, the asphalt king. This mansion is of granite, expensive almost as a baronial castle, is surrounded by an extensive park, and was formerly occupied by Chief Justice Fuller.

It is probable that when the Vice-President-elect and Mrs. Hobart come to Washington they will be given a reception on the eve of March 2, by Vice-President and Mrs. Stevenson, as the precedence for such a thing was inaugurated by ex-Vice-President and Mrs. Levi P. Morton.

It is not necessary to call a doctor for a cut or bruise; get Salivation Oil. Only 25 cts.—Adv.

RIVALRY OVER PURE BEER.

Two Senate Committees Wanted the Bill and Both of Them Got It Partially.

Albany, Jan. 19.—When Senator Coggeshall's bill providing that the ingredients which go to make beer shall be, in the main, pure barley, hops and malt came before the Senate, on a question as to which committee should have an opportunity of passing on the measure, there was a spirited debate.

The bill had been sent to the Committee on Finance, but several Senators wanted the bill sent to the Committee on Public Health. In the discussion which followed the Senators who participated in the debate were Higgins, Raines, Coggeshall, Brush, Mullin, Wray, Malby and Brackett.

Senator Coggeshall was indifferent as to the disposition of his bill, and made a suggestion which was finally adopted, that the bill, shorn of its appropriation of \$10,000, should be passed upon by the Committee on Public Health, which could decide how much the public health required the measure, and that thereafter the Committee on Finance might decide whether the public purse could stand the drain of the appropriation.

There have been discussions before in the Senate on the reference of bills affecting railroads and such aggregations of capital. The most recent of these, prior to today, was on the bill to prevent discrimination in freight rates of railroads. In that case the Finance Committee wanted it, and the chairman of the Railroads Committee, Senator Raines, looked after the interest of his

PACIFIC ROADS TO BE FORECLOSED.

Government Arranges a Deal for Clearing Off Its Interest.

REORGANIZATION'S BIG BID.

Committee Offers to Give Uncle Sam \$45,000,000 Above Any Prior Lien.

WAITING FOR A CASH DEPOSIT.

As Soon as One-Tenth of the Bid Is Deposited in a New York Bank Foreclosure Proceedings Will Be Begun.

The Government has arranged its deal for closing out its interest in the Union Pacific and Kansas Pacific railway com-

panies, and foreclosure proceedings will be instituted within a few days. Mr. Winslow S. Pierce, the attorney for the Reorganization Committee, has returned to this city from Washington, where he went to submit the offer of the committee to the Attorney-General. That offer was as follows:

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WILL BE A BATTLE OF TIMEPIECES.

Frank Farrell's Fate May Depend Upon Which Clock Is True.

MANY GIRLS ACCUSE HIM.

Inspector Brooks Confident That the Prisoner Will Be Convicted.

STILL AT WORK ON THE CASE

Farrell's Alibi Will Be Attacked by the Strong Belief of the Police That He Killed Mamie Cunningham.

Around Frank Farrell the police are tightening a coil of evidence through which it would seem he may not break. In-

MUSIC FOR SOCIETY.

Members of the Metropolitan Opera Company Sing Before Fashionables at the Waldorf.

A very fashionable audience attended the Metropolitan Opera Musicales in the new ballroom of the Waldorf yesterday afternoon.

Under the direction of Clarence Andrews, an excellent programme was given by Miss Litvine, Mrs. Katherine Bloodgood, Mr. Bishopam, M. Saligne, Miss Morgan, Paul Morgan and Miss Wallen.

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HARD OF ERM IN BABY'S STOMACH.

Scientists Greatly Puzzled Over the Case of Little Tommy Madden.

THEY USE X-RAYS ON HIM.

His Only Food Since Swallowing an Irish Emblem Is Chocolate Drops.

MAY BE CONFIDENCE GAME

Radiograph Taken of the Baby's Interior Failed to Reveal the Celtic Badge, Yet He Looks Ill and Cries for Candy.

"Is it weakness of intellect, Tommy," they cried, "or old Erin go bragh in your little inside?" With a shake of his head little Tommy replied, "The button, the button, the button!"

With the harp of Erin inside of him, and beset with an insatiable yearning for chocolate drops, little Tommy Madden, aged three years, is worrying his parents, the doctors of Brooklyn and the scientific men who manipulate the X-ray apparatus. Tommy is suffering, too, partly from remorse for having debased his national emblem and from the fact that the green symbol is emblazoned on a cigarette button, which he is supposed to have swallowed ten days ago at his home, No. 54 State street, Brooklyn.

Since that unhappy epoch the baby has grown thinner and thinner and dark rings encircle his eyes. It is possible, however, that Tommy is the victim of too many chocolate drops and that the harp of Erin has nothing to do with his ailment. He may be bilious, for he has eaten no solid food for ten days. Chocolate drops, with an occasional swallow of milk or water, have constituted his diet. When solids are offered him he turns from the food in disgust and cries for the chocolates, which he enjoys with unmistakable gusto.

X-Rays Can't Find the Button.

Again and again has the X-ray been turned on the baby in an effort to locate the button. These attempts have failed, either for scientific reasons or because there is no button at all in little Tommy. Yet he solemnly assures his parents and the doctors that "ze button is right in yere," and he places his little hand on his stomach, with every appearance of sincerity in that belief. Then he asks for more chocolate drops. It is this mania for candy that causes the learned doctors to doubt the good faith of Tommy Madden. He is too young to be charged with playing a confidence game and keeping 't up so long, and yet there are suspicious circumstances connected with the case. Still, Tommy weeps and says he has pains, and looks anything but a happy and healthy baby boy.

The button, which Tommy may have swallowed by mistake for a chocolate drop, is one of those prize affairs given away in cigarette packages and has a spring pin attachment. Such a button had been seen in the Madden home, and when Tommy first complained of pains in his stomach, the button could not be found. This fact led to the belief that the baby had swallowed the harp of Erin. His mother thinks so, and as Tommy has never told his assertion bears great weight in the household, though some people may scoff.

Everything but the Button.

Another experiment with the X-ray was made at the Hudson Street Hospital yesterday afternoon, by Superintendent H. A. Knoll. Heretofore the Superintendent has been very successful with these experiments, in other cases, but the result of the radiographs taken yesterday of Tommy's interior was as discouraging as all previous attempts to locate the button. Everything but the harp of Erin showed clearly on the plate.

They stripped Tommy and laid him face down on a photographic plate under his abdomen and an X-ray vacuum tube buzzing and spluttering above his back. An exposure of five minutes was made, but the negative failed to disclose a trace of the button. Owing to the length of the exposures and the breathing of the patient, the viscera are constantly in motion, and on this account the harp of Erin, provided the emblem is still there, keeps shifting to a greater or less extent, rendering a sharp outlined shadow most difficult to secure. In explaining the failure of his experiment Superintendent Knoll said:

"When the X-ray is so far from the plate that a distinct shadow could not be obtained, but a diffused shadow surrounded by a penumbra, already we are already being partly absorbed or entirely so."

Dr. Morton, another X-ray expert, will endeavor to locate the troublesome button tomorrow, and, if possible, relieve the growing distress of little Tommy, whose chubby cheeks are not as plump as they once were, and weeps every time he thinks of the button.

Unless the substance is exactly and positively located, no operation will be attempted.

FRESHMAN DARING OUTDONE

Yale Youngsters Mount a Liberty Pole and Nail Their Class Flag to the Top.

New Haven, Conn., January 19.—The Yale freshmen, who were prevented from cutting up last night at the annual glee club concert by the presence of a big squad of policemen, their class athletes, deacons and fifty sophomores got even last night by mounting the big liberty pole on the green and pinning out a big flag, with the stars and stripes, above the Stars and Stripes.

The flag waved there nearly all the morning. Finally Major Ben F. Brown, the city and county solicitor, secured the liberty pole and took down the trophy. This is the most daring exploit of the freshmen in years.

FOR A TREATY WITH FRANCE.

Negotiations for Another Arbitration Treaty Will Soon Begin.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The statement cabled from Europe that France would endeavor to negotiate a general arbitration treaty with the United States, similar to the Anglo-American agreement now before the Senate, is not at all new in Washington. Ambassador Patenotre has not yet seen Secretary Olney in regard to such a treaty, although it is understood that negotiations will be promptly undertaken if the Senate ratifies the English treaty. As soon as the exact effect of its provisions have been examined by the Foreign Office of European countries a general movement for similar treaties with the United States will commence.

New Warden for Auburn Prison.

Albany, Jan. 19.—Superintendent of State Prisons Lathrop to-day appointed ex-Sheriff J. Warren Mead, of Cayuga County, to be warden of Auburn Prison, the appointment to take effect February 1st. Mr. Mead lives in Auburn, and is to succeed Warden James C. Stout, the Democratic incumbent, who resigned. The new warden is a Republican.



ADVENTURES OF QUAKER CITY SOLONS WHO ARRIVED THE NIGHT OF THE FRENCH BALL.

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TO DISBAR JOHNSTON.

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IS AGAINST MRS. FORSTER.

Decision Rendered Yesterday by Justice Russell Establishes Precedent in Breach of Promise Cases.

Justice Russell handed down a decision yesterday which, if sustained, will put an end to the prosecution of a suit brought by Eliza Forster against Salvatore Cantoni, a banker, now dead. This will establish a precedent in actions of this kind.

Mrs. Forster lived with Cantoni until June, 1892. They parted and he stopped her allowance. She then discovered that he was married, and sued him for breach of promise. She lost the suit, and she sued him for \$100,000 for services as his housekeeper.

The assertion of such a claim for damages, says Justice Russell, "as is made in this action seems to be radically irreconcilable with all the principles of law designed to protect the sanctity of marriage, the legitimacy of children and the well being of society."

BRITONS SHOW FRIENDSHIP.

Their Warships to Take Part in the Beardslee Celebration.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 19.—Officers of the British gunboat Pheasant, which arrived yesterday, said that they are here to take part with the other British warships, Canada and Imperieuse, in a big water carnival to be held in the bay of San Diego February 24, in honor of Rear Admiral Beardslee, United States Navy, commander of the North Pacific Squadron, who will retire from the navy on that date.

The parade will be an imposing affair, in which will participate military detachments from all Southern California cities, and sailors and marines from the United States ships Oregon, Philadelphia, Monterey, Monadnock, Adams and Albatross, and the British ships Pheasant, Comus and Imperieuse, making upward of 6,000 men in parade.

A grand international naval review, to be participated in by the ships of both navies, under charge of Rear Admiral Beardslee is also contemplated.

See Wall for Sandy Hook.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Secretary Lamont has recommended an appropriation of \$75,000 for the construction of a sea wall at Sandy Hook, N. J., in order to maintain land transportation over California as well as to maintain the navigation of the Shrewsbury River.

Heater Schrader in Bridgeport.

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 19.—Schrader, the divine healer, arrived in this city this morning. He says he may stay a few days and may remain longer. He engaged a little room at No. 60 North Main street, and he will be here until without price. The Lord directs his footsteps, he believes, and he is simply here to do his work.

Heavy Shake in Illinois.

Red Bank, Ill., Jan. 19.—Thousands of an earthquake of unusual strength have been experienced here. The oscillations were light at first, gradually increasing in intensity until plaster and pictures fell from the walls, the seismic action gradually dying out, apparently toward the west.

spector Brooks and Detective James McCafferty have not given up their work. Convinced that Farrell is guilty of the death of Mamie Cunningham, they have been industriously digging for months, and the Inspector said yesterday they will continue to dig.

Now the case against Farrell is purely circumstantial. It builds like this: Farrell's relations with all girls of his acquaintance were metrical, or he was ever trying to establish such relations. The bent of his mind made it impossible for him to turn to ordinary pursuits. Hence he was almost steadily idle, and living on his father, when amply able to physically care for himself. His attempts toward friendship with Mamie Cunningham were met first by childish acceptance of his advances, but when the overstrained astuteness of the tenement-house child detected the direction of his thoughts of her she repulsed him. Her mother showed unmistakably her dislike of the man whose vile eyes followed the pretty child everywhere. Farrell loathed about the tenement No. 315 East Thirty-seventh street in an objectionable fashion. If his passion for the girl be disregarded but has a tale to tell of him.

Then comes the fatal Declaration Day of 1896, when Mamie Cunningham was found dead in her room. Farrell has claimed he could prove an alibi for the time in which the physicians agreed the crime must have been committed. He did prove an alibi before the Coroner. Detective McCafferty says this alibi can be disproved in the testimony of Miss Mary Levery, who lived in the house with the Cunninghams.

It will be a battle of clocks. Mrs. Levery's \$1.75 Connecticut timepiece against an unvalued but long-venerated barber shop chronograph. The alibi will turn on minutes and the clocks vary by quarter hours. Then, too, there will be a battle of experts. Stephen J. O'Hare, the counsel for Farrell, maintains his client's innocence recently, but he also is preparing to fall back on the mental degeneracy of his client should there be occasion in the strong case of the State. Farrell is still, under order of the District Attorney, in the Tombs incommunicado. He may see no one save his counsel and the inmates of his prison.

Mrs. Black "At Home."

Albany, Jan. 19.—Mrs. Black, wife of Governor Black, will give the second of her "At Home" at the Executive Mansion from 4 to 6 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The following ladies have been invited to assist in receiving: Mrs. Joseph Leggett, Mrs. William B. Peckham, Mrs. Louis S. Erving, Mrs. Walter V. B. Wilson, Mrs. Erving, Mrs. Miss Phoebe Peckham, Mrs. Grace Foster, Mrs. Miss Crandall, Mrs. Mary Loomis and Miss C. L. Kaye, of Troy, and Mrs. Horace C. Young, Mrs. R. S. Oliver, Mrs. G. M. Benedict, Mrs. C. F. Williams, Mrs. William M. Brundage, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Rufus B. King, Miss Florence J. Jones, Miss Cora Oliver, Miss M. Elroy, Miss Mabel Sord, Miss Harriet Parker, Miss Mabel Whitney, of Albany, and Mrs. Frank Platt, of New York City.

green, with trimmings of sable fur and a bonnet of pink and sable. Mrs. Davies wore dark brown velvet with ivory white satin pants and bonnet of violets.

YOUNGER SET AT SHERRY'S.